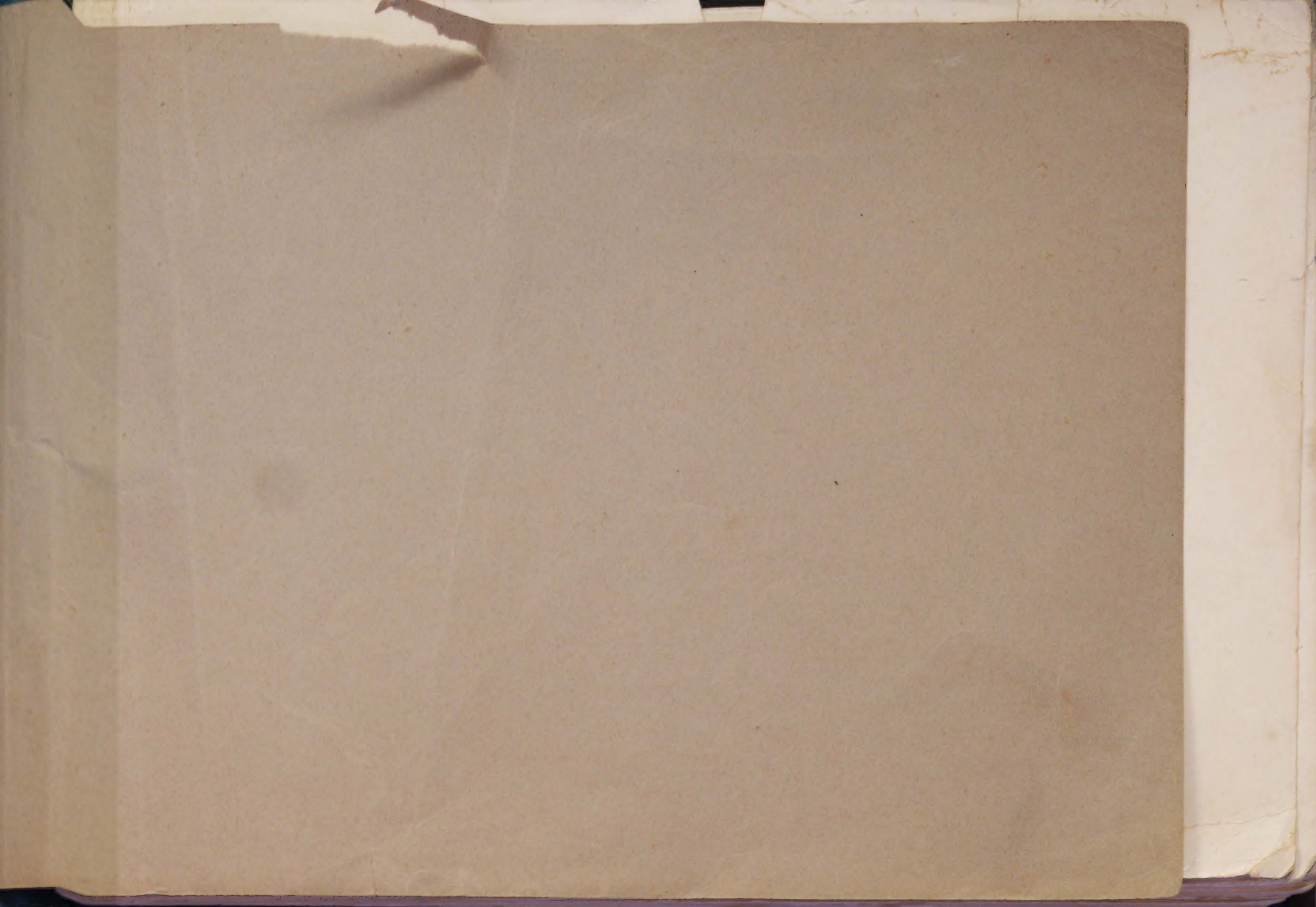


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To
Mr. Albert Robinson
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whose active interest in all
that concerns our welfare
has won our appreciation and esteem,
We, the class of 1924, gratefully
and respectfully
dedicate this book



OUR STAFF

FOREWORD

The exodus of the fast-flown days of the 1924 school year brings before you once more the "Meta" with its tale of scholastic endeavors and attainments. As this effort, the culmination of our ambitions, issues from the pens of the Senior class, we ask your kindly indulgence for the degree in which we may have fallen short of the ideal which we have striven to realize. As our goal has been far and our difficulties many, we submit this chronicle of our accomplishments for the lenient survey of our friends.

The "Meta" as it accompanies us over our diver paths of experience, now so vibrant and beckoning with promise, will constantly signify the spirit of our school years and the depths unfathomable which the school has in itself meant to us, with the many benefits which Alma Mater has conferred upon us. "Meta" means the turning point or goal, and now that we have attained its realization and are justified in imprinting our class colors with that gilded word, so fraught with meaning, great vistas and mighty

mountains are looming before us as we pause for a moment upon the foothills.

In carrying Peabody High School tradition one year further along the path of the centuries, the publication of our class book has seemed to us a task deserving of the finest workmanship granted to our small talents. Regarding our task as such it has been the sincere purpose of each of us to catch between its covers a bit of our deep appreciation of the glories of Alma Mater, the sacrifices made for us by our teachers and the willing assistance given us by our friends and advisers who have buckled upon our shoulders the armor which is to serve us through life.

We have also striven to perpetuate upon its pages, a ray of that God-given hope and enthusiasm with which we are starting down the roads of our respective futures, secure in the consciousness that:—

"Diligentia fert victoriam."



PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL

ALMA MATER

More than the pile of mortar and yellow bricks that shapes its portals; more, even, than the well-coned books and studies, Alma Mater breathes to us an atmosphere, refreshing now, but how much more so in the coming decades of reminiscence! Alma Mater is for us a spirit pulsating with experience, a veritable state of mind, squared to its four corners with dim corridors and spacious classrooms; days of blizzards and disappointments; and the days of warmth and anticipation, with the bees droning just beyond the open window. Mindful of the ancient Greek philosopher who felt that he could move the world if "given a lever of sufficient length and a place whereon to rest his feet", we feel that we have a firm spot on which to rest our lever of the future,—our five years at Peabody High School,—and we hope thus to lift our heads and hearts a trifle higher than before.

A just standard with which to measure our ideals and undertakings in the future, the spirit of Alma Mater, more than all else, has stirred within us that latent impulse and desire for the beautiful in life, in quest of which we leave today the familiar haunts of high school, to plunge down some hitherto untravelled road that leads toward the horizon.



WILLARD W. WOODMAN
Principal

OUR PRINCIPAL

Whatever we have learned at Peabody High School, whatever we have enjoyed there, whatever we have loved there, is embraced in the spirit of our principal, permeating books, social activities, our happiest and our darkest moments. It is essentially his encouragement and advice that has penetrated into the spirit of the school itself and through the school into the lives of the pupils.

Since 1900, Mr. Willard Woodbury Woodman has directed our high school studies, and the success of his leadership is manifest in the broadening and refining of the curriculum. Mr. Woodman was born in Hebron, Maine; and graduated from the high school in Auburn, Maine in 1883. Although but eighteen years of age at the time, he was master of an ungraded school for a brief period. In 1888, Mr. Woodman received the degree of A. B. from Bowdoin College, and three years later was awarded an A. M. degree from the same institution. An exemplary scholar, he was, during his college career, an editor of "The Bugle", a college paper, and was on the staff of the "Bowdoin Orient". At his graduation, he was one of the honor speakers, and on Ivy Day was awarded the medal for highest athletic excellence. During his Junior year, he was a member of the class rowing crew, and in his Senior year he became a Phi Beta Kappa man as a result of his high scholastic standing.

Before coming to Peabody, Mr. Woodman taught in Thayer Academy, South Braintree and was Principal of the high school in Gorham, Maine. While in Gorham, he also served as Superintendent of Schools. He was, at one time, Principal of Hebron Academy, Hebron, Maine, and came to Peabody endorsed by President Hyde of Bowdoin College, and Ex-Governor Robie of Maine. He has a large acquaintance in educational circles and is a member of the Essex Institute, Salem, Mass, Vice-President of the Essex County Teachers' Association, President of the North Shore Athletic League, and belongs to the Sons of the Revolutionary War and the Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Mr. Woodman has won not only the love but the admiration of the students and the community as well, by his dignified, effective and very Christian policy. His task has been a great one, that of broadening or restricting, as the case might be, the range of High School courses during one of the most productive periods of education. The present high standing of Peabody High School is due in its entirety to the conservative guidance of Mr. Woodman. The splendid spirit of dignified accomplishment that characterizes Peabody High School today will forever remain as a monument to the endeavor of its beloved principal, Willard W. Woodman.



OUR FACULTY

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Although graduation has come and we no longer have daily lessons with the teachers of Peabody High School, their teachings and advice cannot cease to influence our lives. Next to home folk perhaps, school leaders and teachers have more to do with molding the shapes and extent of our future deeds than any other factor. Every day and every minute, of our intercourse with them during the last five years has been one of help and enlightenment. More than usual, have our teachers realized what assistance and understanding has meant to us, how we have needed them, as we formed our ideas and ambition. Directly at their feet do we lay anything worthy we have done or hope to do.

When we were blind, they taught us to see; when we were deaf they taught us how to feel and judge. The faculty of Peabody High School have guided us in our chosen paths. They have not dictated our courses to us,

but merely softened the ways and straightened the roads for us. Theirs has been a light in darkness: the darkness that youth, with its dazzling halo, casts about itself.

All our failings and misdeeds seem to be forgotten in the understanding of our better selves, and their sincere devotion and aims for us have spurred us on to higher things.

Facts alone are weak things, and so these leaders have talked to us of all that lies behind facts and figures. Wider scopes of life, the true breadth of the immense universe and a recognition of infinity they have imparted to us. If, in the years to come we may feel ourselves to have reached the ideals of our first advisers and teachers, the world which we now so eagerly await, will be ours.

Then with a gratitude that exceeds words, with an admiration that speaks for itself, and a reverence that proceeds from five years' association, we dedicate to our teachers, all we do and hope to do.

OUR CLASS ADVISER

There is a reason for all good things, and luck is often accredited with much that hard work on a person's part has accomplished. The reason for the good fortunes of the Class of 1924 has been the energetic and capable plans and projects of our class adviser, Mr. John W. Sullivan, Head of the English Department. His ready assistance seemed an integral part of whatever we undertook.

Mr. Sullivan first became familiar with Peabody while he was a student at St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers. After receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Holy Cross College in 1918, he joined the service and trained at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Ground School for executives and fliers in Naval Aviation. Then followed a period of active flying service at Key West, Florida, until the signing of the armistice put an end to the need of the heavier-than-air planes. He then taught for several years at the high school in Manchester, New Hampshire, and in the fall of 1922 accepted the position as Head of the English Department at Peabody High school.

From a wide realm of personal experience, he understands all our ambitions and problems. While in college he served on the "Purple" and "Year Book" staffs, on the Concordia, and on the debating teams. His athletic ability was manifest particularly on the baseball field.

To his initiative and enthusiasm is due the origin of the Peabody High School Debating Clubs, the "Literary Club", and the "Meta"; and to his self-sacrificing work and perseverance when others gave out, we owe the reorganization of the "Observer", the splendid English course, and, indeed, the success of all our class activities. His interest in the Class of 1924 has not ceased with school hours, and his strong personality and willing advice has influenced the future courses of us all. Luck is truly responsible for the success of our class, inasmuch as it gave us for class adviser, a scholar, a sincere friend, and a champion of the best in life.



MARY M. AMARAL

"Now all the truth is out."—Yeats.

Alphabetically first in the role of the class, Mary has always maintained a high position in classroom attainment and in popularity as well. Another distinction is reserved for Mary, in that she is the youngest graduate of 1924. As a student in the Commercial Course, Mary has been of an exceedingly diligent spirit, which together with her natural aptitude, has caused her to secure high marks in her studies, and to justify us in predicting the success which we are certain will be hers in the future. Scarcely ever speaking unless spoken to; modest and unassuming, she has left a deep and lasting impression upon her school day companions.



ESTHER P. BARRETT

"Say what you like,
All things love me!"—Davies

A cheerful disposition and a helpful spirit are the memories of Esther that will be cherished by her classmates. Regardless of difficulties, she assumed every responsibility with a willingness of spirit calculated to win for her, many friends. Her literary ability is manifested by her story, "A Very Embarrassing Day," which appeared in the "Observer." One finds the genial warmth and sunshine emanating from the story just as it pours from Esther in real life. Her work as the secretary of our senior class, as a member of the various committees and as an editor on the "Meta" staff, was of uniformly high merit and her classmates regret the inevitable parting from such a loyal and genial companion.



JAMES BOYLE

"My eyes were blind with stars and still
I stared into the sky."—Hodgson.

Without "Bebe", no record of High school athletics could be complete. In many a game, both of football and baseball, his clear head, swift hand and foot, and jolly good fellowship, brought in the winning run or touchdown. The cheers of the bleachers are familiar things to the ears of "Bebe", but no more so than the steady words of friendship given him at times by every member of the class of 1924. Popularity, seasoned with constancy, good times, mingled with hard work, and a ready will in the right place, have been his lot among us as they are sure to be his portion in the successes of the world.



WILLIAM J. BRESNAHAN

"All things that shine through thee appear
As stones through water, sweetly clear."
—Branch.

William has the honor and distinction of never having been absent or late since entering High school. The record says volumes more than we can hope to say. It shows a tenacity of purpose, determination to succeed, and the habit of punctuality; all three of which are essential if one wishes to make a success in life. "Bill" was a member of the boys' debating club, the "Bema", and his voice was frequently heard during the open debates of the regular meetings. His is a friendship to be proud of, a sincerity deeper than skin, and a thoroughness never to be forgotten. His wit and energy proved equal to all high school crises and we are confident that they will carry him on through life.



MARGARET H. CADEN

"Full of gentle kindness
Her looks and language are."—Cleghorn.

A record of perseverance, study and their results, is left on the books and in our hearts by Margaret, who has won for herself a high place in the regard of her classmates. Striving against the handicaps of illness and enforced absence, her persevering spirit overcame all difficulties and secured for her creditable marks that warranted the attainment of her diploma. Quietness was her characteristic, but her silence was productive of a thoughtfulness that resulted in achievements worthy of the efforts spent upon them. Few among us will forget the determination which Margaret lent to her tasks and all of us unite in the prediction that well-merited success will crown that diligence in the future as rewarded in the past.



ROGER W. CLERK

"His heart was merry as his dress." Kilmer.

Roger came to us from Worcester Academy in his senior year. He is possessed of an "easy going" disposition, by means of which he has made many friends in the short time that he has been here. Roger showed his ability as an athlete by winning his letter in football. As a member of the dance committee, he helped to make the senior "hop" a complete success. He also belonged to the "Literary Club" and to the "Bema." Roger's capability as a speaker was realized when he gave a lecture in one of the classrooms on "Capital and Labor." We believe that if the future can be judged by the past, he will win a deserved success, and we are grateful to Roger for the fact that he selected to graduate with our class.



MARY COGAN

"Her flocks are thoughts."—Meynell.

One of the most active members of the class, Mary's activities did not interfere with her studies, as she was chosen valedictorian for the graduation exercises. As President of the "Agora", a member of the girls' debating team, and of the "Literary Club", her willing co-operation made her services invaluable. Mary's chief distinction was in the role of literary effort for she was editor-in-chief of the "Observer" and the "Meta." Her well-written stories in the "Observer" were awarded two prizes at the graduation exercises, and the Boston Traveler contest found her story, "Saturday Night" among the prize winners. We predict that the literature of the future will feel the influence of our Editor-in-chief.



WILLIAM D. COLLINS

"Great dreams and dauntless deeds."
Wheelock.

A diligent worker with a capacity and desire for leadership, "Bill" was chosen president of our class in Senior Year and his earnest efforts coupled with the co-operation of the class did much to insure the success of our class affairs. "Bill" was president of the "Bema", a member of one of the debating teams, and a member of the "Literary Club." As the editor of "The Chronicle" in the "Observer" his capacity for recognizing news made that department one of the most interesting in the book. In 1923 he was awarded a prize for a poem which appeared in the school magazine. As a member of the "Meta" staff his literary talents were employed to insure the successful publication of the book.



RAYMOND F. COOMBS

"I to my pledged word am true."—Seeger

Raymond said little and accomplished much. His popularity gained for him two offices; one as secretary of the debating club, the "Bema"; the other, that of class treasurer during his junior year. He was modest and unassuming, yet he won his letter in football and he is a very capable baseball player. "Ray" was also a member of the "Literary Club." As Business Manager of the "Meta," "Ray" will be remembered by his classmates as one whose accomplishments spoke more loudly than his words. A classmate from whom much was expected and even more received, we feel that the class of 1924 has reason to be thankful to "Ray" for the willing assistance which he gave to all our activities.



LAWRENCE J. CUDDIRE

"A fellow-farer true through life."—Stevenson.

Another of our football players, Lawrence won his letter in his senior year. His easy manner and friendly disposition won for him many friends. As a result of his popularity he was elected to the executive committee in his senior year. His ability to analyze a situation and to make a quick decision, was a valuable asset in his position on that committee. If we may take the past as any criterion, his will be a brilliant future. With a ready fund of knowledge in the class room and of good sportsmanship, always, his five years among us will always be remembered for his capable administration of the duties of his office and for the ready assistance which he offered to others in the direction of the affairs of the class.



DOROTHY M. DANFORTH

"A presence which is not to be put by"
—Wordsworth.

Diligent as a student, faithful as a friend, "Dot" has become invaluable to her classmates and teachers. Throughout the year, she has been the editor of the Enterprise's West Peabody column. She has been a very creditable and prominent member of the Senior Girls' Basketball team. Although she lives in West Peabody, she has participated in all the activities of the class. She will enter Normal school in the fall. We part with her knowing that we have lost temporarily, a sterling friend and assure her that she will remain forever in the memories of her classmates.



ROGER F. DOHERTY

"A heart unspotted is not easily daunted."
—Shakespeare.

Quiet and retiring Roger is a worthy member of our class. Diligent in effort and untiring in his pursuits, he has completed his years among us with admirable perseverance. "Silence is Golden," seems to be his motto, and although he does not have a great deal to say, his mind is ever busy. We have appreciated his presence while with us, and know that he will go forth to seek what is his in a truly noble fashion, for nothing but the best has satisfied Roger in the past and nothing but the best can satisfy his indomitable spirit in the future. Always an asset by very reason of presence, others can but find him invaluable to any undertaking.



CLARA A. DOMBROWSKA

"The virtue of justice consists in moderation."—Aristotle.

Careful in conversation, amiable and friendly Clara has made many friends during her four years in high school. She may well be proud of the record she has made while with us. A member of the "Literary Club", editor on the "Meta" staff, and a high-ranking student, she has certainly merited for herself a worthy position in the world. We, the class of 1924, join heartily in wishing her the acquirement of that true happiness and dignity, and are confident that her diligent, industrious and noble ideals will make her all that she aims and strives to be with the depth and energetic propensities of her disposition.



WANDA M. DOMBROWSKA

"Zeal and duty are not slow."—Milton.

Persevering and quiet, Wanda's worth can only be estimated by close acquaintanceship. She is of a studious nature, and her record at school is a fitting testimony of her ability. Wanda has not been absent, dismissed or late a single time during all her years at the high school. Always ready to be of any service in curriculum duties or social activities and pleasures, she is more than essential to her classmates in their daily assignments. Her preference is for a business career, and we are sure that with her splendid qualities which have made themselves evident in school, she is sure to do something worthwhile with her life.



EDWARD T. DONAHUE

"He was the chap who made things hum."
—Morris.

"Ed" is a boy with a large vocabulary, and none of his words are wasted, for he was a member both of the baseball and football teams during his senior year, and made a name for himself in both branches of sport. He was one of the best guards ever to represent the Peabody team. "Ed" was also a member of the "Bema" and the "Literary Clubs". He made the meeting of the debating club interesting by his eloquent and logical treatment of whatever subject was under discussion. There is no problem which baffles "Ed" and we hope that the success which has remained with him during high school days will continue with him throughout life.



MARY H. DOYLE

"Give thy thought no tongue."—Shakespeare.

Mary is a girl whose company has been a real pleasure for all of us during the years of our school life. Happy, cheerful, ever ready with a smile, and possessing a pleasing disposition, Mary is liked by all who know her. Studious, diligent and careful, a truly conscientious pupil, she has won the esteem of her teachers as well as of her classmates. Trustworthy in her friendships, Mary goes forth from the High school with the consciousness that she has made many loyal friends. We all unite in wishing her the best that life offers to anyone.



HELEN I. DRISCOLL

"Merry hearts will merrily chime."—Cranche.

Vivacious and attractive, Helen has ever been a "jolly good fellow" to all of us. Her cheerful disposition has made for her many friends and she possesses a capacity for retaining them as she has a talent for making them. A diligent worker and a good student, she finds profitable employment for what others would call their "idle moments." Unobtrusive in demeanor, she is never-failing in performance and the class is abundantly enriched by her presence. A clever, diligent, studious friend and classmate, Helen will linger in our memories long after graduation has sent her forth to gain the success that awaits her.



DORIS V. DURKEE

"The secret of success is constancy to purpose."—Disraeli.

Doris has always been a favorite with her classmates, and an enthusiastic supporter of all class and school activities,—including football. Each day she "wends her weary way" from the West, and comes toward the rising sun in quest of knowledge. Each day she carries Westward some new information to add to her already large collection of learning. "Work before pleasure," seems to be her motto, and her efficiency coupled with her pleasant disposition leads us to predict for her a brilliant future with every confidence that our prediction will be proven by the fact of her accomplishment.



WILLIAM J. EAGAN

"The clearest head, and the sincerest heart."
—Pope.

A quiet diligence has marked the days which "Bill" spent in our midst. Of an unassuming nature, honors seem to seek him out rather than to be sought by him. In Junior year, he was awarded the Harvard Club prize for general excellence as a student and his graduation as an honor student is an indication that the award was well-deserved. Only on very rare occasions does "Bill" become excited, and it was on one of these occasions that he startled the members of the Bema by participating in an open debate. "Bill" was also a member of the "Literary Club," and every class activity found him among the "willing workers." May success await him in everything.



ALICE R. ELLIOTT

"So runs my catalogue of lovely things."
—Le Gallienne.

Charm, vivacity and diligence combine to make of Alice one of the most popular members of the class. A leader in all class activities, her spirit of enthusiastic cooperation has made her a favorite among her classmates. As a member of the "Observer" staff, and of the "Agora," her work has done much to set a high standard of achievement for others to try to reach. Her work as a cheer leader was one of the many contributions which she made to school activities. Her services as an exhibition dancer were in demand at the Teachers' Night and at the "Senior Strand Night." Alice was ever willing to cooperate in every activity, and we predict her future success.



CORA A. FROST

"Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well."—Chesterfield.

Cora always strives to please, and in striving is invariably successful. Genial, good-natured, ever-ready with a smile, a worthy friend and a good student, she has won the esteem of her teachers and classmates alike. Cora may some day become an accomplished actress if we are to judge from the manner in which she read "her lines" in "Macbeth." A quiet diligence has marked her days among us, and we were constantly aware of the splendid qualities concealed beneath her unassuming nature. Our best wishes go with her in her course through the future and we feel that our confidence in her will be justified.



ALICE M. GILBO

"The human heart that dares adventure all."
— Bunyon.

Possessed of a quiet and studious disposition, Alice is one of our highest ranking scholars. She finds time, however, for plenty of fun during her high school course and her popularity is a result of her participation in the less weighty affairs of class activities. Coming, as she does, from the neighboring town of Lynnfield, her presence has always been dependent upon such uncertainties as the fortunes of the road and the endurance of the "bus." Whatever she attempts will be well done and it is with confidence in her ability that we join in wishing her the success which she so richly deserves.



SOLI GILMAN

"Hence, loathed Melancholy!" Milton.

Small in stature, but a giant in accomplishment, and all in all inclined to plumpness, Soli has all the cheerful and mischievous qualities that are attributed to men of his type. His perpetual smile radiates geniality and has won for him a host of friends. In his class work, his record has been uniformly good, while his cooperation in our other activities has been equally unflinching. A cheerful spirit combined with an earnestness of purpose will do much in winning for "Soli" the successful attainments which we confidently expect of him.



BERNARD GINSBURG

"You will be what you will to be." Wilcox.

Diligent in his studies, yet jovial in companionship, "Bernie" has always been courteous and ready to lend assistance to every one of the class activities. He has been an interested member of the "Literary Club", and very active in the affairs of the "Bema." As a speaker, he has often been heard to advantage at the meetings of that club, and as alternate directed the rebuttal work of the debating team which defeated Everett and Beverly. "Bernie" is also an athlete of no mean ability, especially on the basketball floor and on the diamond. An all-around fellow, our school days have been happier for "Bernie's" presence. We bid him "adieu" with the best of wishes for his future success.



D. EDWARD GORMAN

"Still achieving, still pursuing."—Longfellow.

More or less quiet by nature, "Ed" has nevertheless been one of the most active and popular members of the class of 1924. As a member of the executive committee, he has been a director of our class affairs and as treasurer of the "Literary Club" he has admirably controlled the finances of that organization. "Ed" has been a prominent member of the "Bema" and has represented that club in debates with Lynn Classical High school and the "Agora." He is among the highest ranking scholars of the class, one of the eight honor students. We hear that he intends to enter Harvard. We sincerely wish him luck, and this in addition to his natural capacities, we feel sure will bring him much of the best life offers to anyone.



PAUL B. GRAVES

"I go to prove my soul!"—Browning.

We have had five years in which to test the sterling qualities of this quiet youth, and all through the five, he has merged from the fray with colors flying. Gracious in his manners and loyal in his many friendships, Paul has been willing to cooperate freely with any class projects. He is a member of the "Bema" and has manifested much interest in the "Literary Club" by his constant attendance at the meetings. With a poise and ease and a certain nonchalance of manner, he has worked himself into our hearts and has attained a worthy position in his studies, which seems to guarantee for him a bright future in whatever may be his chosen life work. Loyal, steadfast, devoted, the class recognizes his presence as an asset and parts from him with a sense of loss.



WALTER M. GRAY

"The great were once as you."—Guest.

Always an ardent worker for his Alma Mater, Walter has been one of the most active members of the class of 1924. Taking up athletics in his sophomore year, he has served twice as catcher for the baseball nine and twice as tackle on the eleven. We can never forget how he blocked a punt in the Classical game turning defeat into victory and practically winning the league championship by this one act. From a scholastic standpoint he became the first president of the "Literary Club" and an active member of the "Bema." In spite of, or perhaps because of these many activities, Walter has an excellent record in daily lessons and has distinguished himself as a poet. As a member of the "Bema," his quiet logic decided many an argument.



CATHERINE M. GREEHY

"The quip and jest are on the wing."—Foley.

Catherine is one of our more retiring students, seldom pushing herself into the limelight, yet always being pushed there in time of class need by her tenacity of purpose and ultimate accomplishment. She is known most of all perhaps for her wit, abounding in conversation and so entertaining to the listener. Without Catherine to put in a witty twist in our class undertakings, revealing the lighter side of some dark cloud, no occasion could be quite complete. Whatever may be her life work, a channel of service to all concerned, Catherine's spirit of good cheer and incessant optimism will not only carry her through to success, but to all those who are fortunate enough to cross her path will her cheerful spirit prove a blessing and a guide.



TOINI HANHILAMMI

"Hope, and happy skies
Are thine forever!"—Procter.

In Toini, we have a classmate who embodies all the qualities which are representative of the true class spirit. Possessed of a winning personality she had made many friends among her classmates. Rumor has it that she intends to become a teacher, and we feel confident that the qualities which made of her such a pleasing classmate will eventually cause her to attain the heights in her chosen profession. Not a little of her popularity is due to a splendid spirit of helpfulness which caused her to be a part of every class activity. We will miss her in our future activities, but we feel that the qualities exhibited by her while among us, will do much to bring her success.



AVIS M. HAYWARD

"Tarry not for night draws on."

Avis is one of the happy yet quiet girls from Lynnfield. She is one of the Seniors who has been with us only for four years. As a member of the Literary Club she has done her part toward the upkeep of the society and as one of the matron's helpers at the school lunch counter, she has done her utmost to make things pleasant there, while her efforts were never ceasing.

In school assembly each Thursday morning Avis did her part to make the period a worthy one. "Tarry not for night draws on" has been her standby and seldom if ever has she been seen about school without books or other means of study. Rumor has it that she may be a teacher. If so, the best wishes of the class go with her.



WILLIAM F. HEALEY

"Men judge us by the success of our efforts."

—Elizabeth.

In "Bill", we have a fellow who is ready for anything, whether it be in the line of regular school work, extra curriculum activities, athletics or less serious aspects of class room life. A jovial and lively personality has caused him to be the life of the party on more than one occasion. His chief form of dissipation consists in hazing Murphy with the consequent possibilities of disaster for himself. Despite this, however, Bill has set a fine record in his studies and has secured for himself an equally high rating in the esteem of his classmates. It would be idle to predict success for one blessed with such energy and capacity for work.



HARRY H. HOULDEN

"None but him can be his parallel."—Theobald.

To Harry, the class must impart the unique honor of being the sole "alliteration" pupil. As an active member of the "Bema" and of the "Literary Club" he has considerably broadened his high school course. As a scholar he has been ever diligent with a grave intent to make graduation mean everything possible to him. Harry has always found himself in the midst of friends and his infallible courteousness and willingness to assist everyone has gained for this young man a large circle of acquaintances. We wish you all success in the future, Harry, and your Alma Mater will speed your feet along the road of experience by the great knowledge which you attained at Peabody High school. The class of 1924 enjoyed your presence and will follow your future.



DORIS W. HUDSON

"Thy modesty is a candle to thy merit."

—Fielding.

Doris is one of our modest commercial sisters and a classmate in whom we may feel a justified pride. Always ready to help others with their tasks, always willing to do more than her share of the work, and always capable of carrying a difficult undertaking through to completion, she has won to herself a host of friends. As a member of the "Agora", she did her utmost to insure its success, and there as in every class activity the members were gladdened by her presence. She is leaving Peabody High school this year amidst a class of friends and we know that her past and present standards held aloft in the future will merit the friendship and success which they so richly deserve.



MARJORIE S. INGRAHAM

"Give thy thought no tongue."—Shakespeare.

"Red", as Marjorie is called, is indeed a real friend to every one of her classmates. Early in the year, she was elected treasurer of the "Agora" debating society and her constant work and accurate accounts were always available, when needed. Like the truly happy person that she is, Marjorie has had a heart with room for everyone and everything. Coming to us from Lynnfield, bright and early in the morning and returning late in the day, she has had the privilege of "directing" the "bees" from that community for four years. We will follow her course in the future with the same measure of interest that she has secured from us in the past.



NORMA R. JEFFERS

"There is a gift beyond the reach of art; of being eloquently silent."—Ryder.

One of our classmates who silently has done much to improve the scholastic standards of the class is Norma. Always on the alert and eager to assist in every activity, her attainments are as varied as her capabilities are multiform. She has served as an associate member of the Peabody Woman's Club, also as a member of the "Literary Club", the "Observer" and "Meta" staffs and as Vice-president of the "Agora." As a forward on the girls basketball team, she was largely responsible for the many victories that were won by the representatives of the class of 1924. A good listener is an apt learner and Norma has learned much in her high school course that will bring her far along the road to happiness.



ARTHUR V. JOHNSON

"Let me but do my work from day to day."—Van Dyke.

As a hard worker, a willing worker and an effective worker, "Art" will live long in the memories of his classmates and friends. A member of the "Bema", he participated in many of the regular debates, and lent his services willingly to the activities of the "Literary Club." "Art" has made his Senior year one of diligence and the attainment of high marks in the class room. Class president in 1923, his was the difficult task of organizing our class as a separate unit and of directing it wisely through its many activities. "Art" leaves his old fields of scholastic endeavor for new and broader ones, and with him go the sincere wishes of his classmates and their confidence in the worthwhile nature of his achievement.



DORA E. JORDAN

"I like a road that leads away to prospects white and fair."—Towne.

As captain of the Senior Girls' Basketball team, Dora has proven her athletic prowess to her admiring classmates, and the many victories which resulted for our class were due in no small measure to her capable leadership. During her entire high school career, her quiet dignity and poise have won the devotion and esteem of all with whom she came in contact. She is an artist of no mean ability and her work has done much to insure the success of this year book. Endeavor and accomplishment have been the distinguishing features of Dora's presence in our midst, and we predict that these same sterling qualities will bring her contentment.



FRANCIS L. KILDERRY

"On with what strength I have."—Gilman.

"Kil" is an athlete through and through, from his splendid physique to the sportsmanlike attitude which characterizes him both on and off the field. Although excelling on the athletic field, he has found time for his studies as well, and is one of our most diligent students. He performed the duties of his office as "Censor" of the "Literary Club" in a manner reflecting credit upon himself and the organization. His sound arguments in a regular debate of the "Bema" earned for him a seat at the football game between Boston College and Holy Cross. "Kil's" many friends will miss him after graduation and he leaves us for broader fields of endeavor in which to win for himself the success that is due his truly worthwhile and capable spirit.



MYRON G. KIRWIN

"The pen is mightier than the sword."

—Bulwer Lytton.

Myron belongs to the group of class historians. As one of the brightest lights in our history class, he has always been depended upon to give the correct answer before some of us lesser lights might happen to be called upon. In the regular meetings of the "Bema", he has upheld various sides of public questions with a logic that frequently convinced both the judges and his opponents as well. Ever and always, he has a good word and a welcome smile for everyone. Whatever he attempts will be well done and it is with the confidence in his ability that we part from him with the secure conviction that wherever the paths of life may lead him, his cordial efficient spirit will traverse them safely to his ultimate goal.



HELEN D. KNOWLTON

"The only jewel which will not decay is knowledge."—Langford.

A firm believer in the above motto, Helen has set about to secure as much knowledge as she could profitably cram into her possession during the five years of her high school course. As an associate member of the Peabody Woman's Club, as a member of the "Agora" and the "Literary Club," she has neglected no opportunity to participate in the activities that broaden out and expand upon mere textbook knowledge. It must not be thought that our Helen was altogether a "grind" for she willingly sacrificed many of her study periods in order to assist at the lunch counter. The class unites in wishing her success in all her efforts, and in expressing its confidence in her rare ability.



ESTHER E. KOMARIN

"Everyone is the son of his own works."
—Cervantes.

Small in stature, Esther is nevertheless a giantess of grammatical accomplishment during the trying moments of the sixth period. A diligent and persevering student, the result of her effort is evident in the ease with which she gives perfect recitations. She is a true follower of Cervante's thought and tries to the best of her ability to accomplish its purpose. The best measurement of Esther's worth is to be found in the results attained by her efforts, and it is with a full knowledge of those results that we, her classmates, are firm in the confidence that nothing but success can come to her from the exercise of those qualities which characterized her work during the years which she spent with us.



FLORENCE E. LANGAN

"Her modest looks the cottage might adorn."
—Goldsmith.

Florence's quiet and unassuming disposition has won for her a deserved popularity with her classmates. She is, despite her quiet ways, a part of all the class activities, and in all its "extra curriculum" efforts, the class has found her an invaluable asset. Her recitations in the class room have been an inspiration to us, and as a member of the "Agora" her thoughtfulness has found the solution of many questions. We are not certain of the immediate use to which she will put her talents, but we do not hesitate to predict that the employment of them will bring success. Our hope of her success is merely that she will receive one-half the good cheer, encouragement and loyalty which she has brought to others.



DOROTHY C. LORD

"A light heart lives long."—Shakespeare.

"Dot", as one of the really popular members of the class is ever ready to lend her assistance to any worthy activity. She is the "star" guard of the Senior Girls' Basketball team, and her athletic prowess has brought many victories to the class of 1924. Her willing assistance at the lunch counter has been valuable to the school as has her active participation in the affairs of the "Agora" and the "Literary Club." As an assistant to Miss King in the office, she has proven a diligent and helpful worker, while her position as presiding genius of the tardy register has made her conscious of our deficiencies. She is, nevertheless, a participant in all our livelier moments and her sunny disposition has endeared her to all her classmates of 1924.



LUCILLE F. LOWE

"She is all so slight."—Adlington.

Small in stature, large in accomplishment, Lucille has a capacity for doing things that are at once the admiration and envy of her classmates. Her ability as an artist in making posters and cartoons has contributed greatly to the success of our class affairs and to the art work of the "Meta" itself. While always ready to assist in every activity, it is in the class room that Lucille really shines with a brilliance the reward of which is found in the high marks that she receives. We join in wishing her the best of luck in the future, and we are confident that she will continue through life to win both popularity and success as she has done while with us, her classmates of '24.



MARY E. LUZ

"Zeal and duty are not slow."—Milton.

Cheerful and attractive, with a vivaciousness of spirit and a ready smile, Mary has been an endless source of inspiration to us, her classmates, who could only wonder at her constant good nature. Indeed, she has won the respect and friendship of us all, by her constant geniality and pleasing disposition. As a member of the "Meta" staff her efforts have done much to insure the success of that undertaking, and her studious efforts in the class room have made of her an "honor pupil" of the class of '24. It is rumored that she intends to become a school teacher, and we feel certain that she will be a success as a teacher inasmuch as she has been a success as a student.



STUART MacCRACKEN

"Large was his bounty, and his soul sincere."
—Gray.

Stuart's easy-going and helpful disposition has been a real asset to the class of 1924. Small in stature, a giant in real worth, a diligent worker and a true friend, we feel that we have been given a great privilege in the enjoyment of his friendship and that we have profited greatly by our four years of close association with him. Stuart is one who is always eager to be of assistance and his co-operation has been one of the features of his work that has made him such an invaluable part of the activities of the class of 1924. We have appreciated his worth and delighted in his friendship. We wish him the best of luck and predict much success.



GEORGE F. MacDONALD

"His mind his kingdom, and his will his law."
—Cowper.

In George we have a really co-operative spirit that makes him one of the leaders in every class and school activity. He is a member of the football team, and was always at his best in the most important games. Quiet to the point of reticence, his infrequent utterances are fraught with meaning and a logical development of thought, as was evidenced by his work as a member of the debating club. Secure in the possession of a never-changing, even, calm and serene disposition, we are confident that a brilliant future awaits him. We part from him with regret and with an ever-present appreciation of all that his loyal spirit meant to the class of 1924.



ANNA I. MacGREGOR

"I would be true, for there are those who trust me."—Walter.

Anna is small to be sure, but large in heart, large in good-nature, large in mind. Her diminutive body is a dynamo of energy, and she participated untiringly in everything that benefited her class. Vivacious and attractive, with a cheerful disposition and a ready smile, she has the quality of making and retaining friendship. In her class recitations, she is ever among the leaders and grammar seems to be her special delight. The class of 1924 was grateful for her presence and will regret her departure. "Annie" goes forth equipped with the sterling qualities that make for success and with the assurance that the future rewards of her merit will be but reflections of her ability.



AUGUSTUS P. MACIONE

"Virtue in itself commands its happiness."
—Francis.

"Gus" excelled as a member of both the football and baseball teams, and at the same time maintained an exceptionally good record in class. His spirit of cooperation in all school activities has found him ever an intimate part of class affairs and a necessary factor in all the doings of 1924. As a member of the "Bema" he was regular in attendance and enthusiastic in participation in the open debates. It was his clear head and keen decisions which often settled difficult problems of class committees. Perseverance, a will to do things, and most magnetic of all, that smile which was constantly wreathing "Gus'" features, his qualities seem to typify the spirit of the class of 1924.



MILDRED L. MacKENZIE

"There's many a road to travel, but it's this road today."—McGroarty.

A fixed adherence to purpose has characterized Mildred's entire high school course. The duties of each day were faithfully performed and those of tomorrow were pursued in the satisfaction that came from the accomplishments of yesterday. Quiet and serene, modest and retiring, a believer in the old adage that "silence is golden," she has pursued her course in a silent efficiency and has won many friends by her pleasing disposition. "Mil" is one of the art editors of the "Meta", and her work is one of the noteworthy features of this book. We wish her happiness and success in the future while we are mindful that we have received much from her.



JAMES MASON

"What sweet delight a quiet life affords."
—Drummond.

"Jimmy" is one of those quiet, easy-going, congenial chaps who possesses the happy faculty of being able to accomplish without seeming effort things that others would consider prodigious tasks. There is not an idle minute in his day, nevertheless he finds time to participate in the lighter activities of school life, for although he is a conscientious, diligent and careful worker, he is by no means a "grind." It is idle to wish success to one who is so certain to achieve it. Instead we can only say to "Jim" in parting from him, that in all his future success he is but attaining the heights to which his classmates expected him to climb.



ANNIE G. McCARTHY

"She shapes her speech all silver fine."
—Branch.

Careful in conversation and choice in the expression of her thought, "Annie" possesses a cheerful disposition that has helped her make and retain many loyal friends. A diligent worker in the class room, she is especially good in answering those questions of grammar which perplex her less favored classmates. "Annie" is one of those bright commercial students who plan to enter the "whirling marts of trade." We are sure of her success as her record here gives sufficient evidences of the possession of qualities necessary to insure success in her future business career. We predict that in the future her qualifications will enable her to attain the heights in whatever road she takes.



WILLIAM J. McCARTHY

"I join the great march onward." Whittier.

"Bill" is one of those "all-around good fellows" who never makes himself too conspicuous, but who always seems to be there at a critical moment. In class, his efforts are diligent as his marks testify. As a member of the "Bema", he took an active interest in debate and distinguished himself as an extemporaneous orator on more than one occasion. With high marks in his studies, he carried on equally well on the athletic field, and his prowess in baseball or football has been instrumental in adding to the glorious record of Alma Mater's victories. We unite in feeling that his future success will be well earned and richly merited.



BLANCHE I. McKEEN

"Press On! Surmount the rocky steps."
—Benjamin.

Perhaps there is no one in the Senior Class who will be missed more next fall than Blanche, and the reason is to be found in the fact that whenever there was any work to be done, she was always ready to give freely of her time and effort. As Assistant Business Manager of the "Observer", her work has been largely instrumental in the financial success of that publication. She is also a member of the "Meta" staff, one of the most enthusiastic members of the basketball team, Secretary of the "Literary Club", and a member of the "Agora." It is idle to wish success to one whose characteristics make the winning of it certain, but we can express the assurance that Blanche will richly deserve the success which she is sure to attain.



EDWARD J. McMAHON

"To act tomorrow what he learns today."
—Browning.

Here is a fellow whom we are really proud to call a member of 1924, and a companion whom we will be sorry to see leave us in June. It requires good soil to produce good fruit, and in the case of "Eddie", South Peabody must be a great place. "Eddie" is not one of those fellows who seeks popularity, but one who makes friends easily and retains them happily. He has been a very capable student and has hosts of friends who will miss his ever-ready smile and his constant good nature. Along the road of the future, he is destined to make many new friends, for his good qualities recommend him for companionship and his ready spirit of cooperation has made him one of the most popular of our classmates of 1924.



CYRIL B. MEAGHER

"For all your days prepare."—Markham.

Cyril is one who never does things in a haphazard fashion, but who by careful preparation properly equips himself for the capable performance of his immediate tasks. He has done splendid work in the "Bema" and as an alternate on the debating team has been in a large degree responsible for our victories. As a member of both the "Observer" and "Meta" staffs, his work has been quietly but effectively performed, while the "Literary Club" found him one of its most active members. It is rumored that "Cy" intends to enter M. I. T. in the fall, and we feel certain that he is destined to excel as a scientist as he has excelled in everything else.



HELEN M. MEAGHER

"So runs my catalogue of lovely things."
—Le Gallienne.

Here is the essence of good fellowship. Anyone who has talked for even one moment with Helen knows that her good spirits would penetrate any case of the "blues." As a student, she has done herself and incidentally her classmates, more than justice, and in the "Agora" and the "Literary Club" her radiant disposition has made itself invaluable. An integral part of all our undertakings, work and play, Helen has entered into everything with that same spirit of unquenchable cheer and zeal for accomplishment. It is rumored that she is to go in training for a nurse, and with wishes for as bright a career as you have begun with us, Helen, we send you forth with the expression of our confidence in your ability to attain your goal.



CLARA E. MELANSON

"I must go softly all my days." - Robinson.

Amiable and modest, petite and vivacious, Clara has always been a pleasing friend and comrade. A potent reserve force and a taste for adventure immediately suggest Clara, one of the most likeable members of our class. With a quietness that is impressive of meditation and a spirit that sparkles with fun, her very modesty and self-effacement have pushed her into the limelight of 1924 at Peabody High School. Although her extra curriculum activities were curtailed because of the distance between Peabody and Lynnfield, Clara has been a keen witted club debater in the "Agora." Studious and courteous, she will leave our midst, accompanied by the best wishes of her classmates.



LAWRENCE J. MOYNIHAN

"Cheering, laughing, moving on." Baker.

If it is true that "Laugh and the world laughs with you", those in the immediate vicinity of Lawrence must be constantly mirthful. It would seem that fun and jollity have a true knight in this friend of ours, who betrays as well a capacity for study and work. Lawrence has always taken a great interest in school activities by the very fact that he cannot keep away from a good time. His constant geniality and loyalty to his friends has won for him an abiding place in the friendship of his classmates. In his studies he maintained a high average throughout his course, and by his friendly ways and unassuming nature he has done much to merit our esteem.



EDNA A. MURPHY

"Our hands are full of business: let's away." Shakespeare.

Edna is a girl who enjoys a deserved popularity with her classmates, and one who is both studious and "fun-loving." A member of the girls' basketball team, her efforts were responsible for many of the class victories. Edna is ever willing to help with all the class activities and always gives her unflinching support to the representatives of Peabody High School in sport or study. A cheerful countenance and a ready helpful spirit will do much to help her attain the particular high place in the world, which is reserved for one of her characteristics and attainments. We wish you "bon voyage" in your course through life, and we are confident that you will attain all the success for which your ambition strives.



FRANCIS R. MURPHY

"To suit my spirit and to prove my powers."
—Van Dyke.

Athletics and studies; both receive industry from Francis and in both the branches of a high school career he has excelled. Far above par when it comes to playing tennis and a runner of no mean ability, he has also been zealous, serious and capable in classes. His deep flowing sense of humor that enables him to cap every climax with success, and wit has made him a "man of many friends." His four year course has been crammed with incidents, big and little, which lead his classmates to predict for this fortunate boy, a lifetime of opportunities, each grasped to advantage, and each utilized to its fullest extent by the employment of his many talents.



JOHN MURPHY

"'Tis not in mortals, to command success,
But we'll do more, Sempronius, -we'll deserve it."
—Addison.

A boy who maintained for himself a most enviable record during his course at high school is John. Better known as the "Roman", he was chosen by his fellow team mates and our popular sentiment to lead the 1924 football team in his Senior year. Before this captainship, John played for two years on the team and covered himself, not only with glory, but invaluable experience. Our husky footballer is a conscientious student and has ever been ready to give an interesting recitation in the class room. Possessed of calm, poise and self-assurance, but without the vanity that might accompany such characteristics, John truly represents the best.



LEO F. MURPHY

"And when there was a prize to win,
He came up smilin' an' pitched in."—Foley.

Leo is one of a long list of Murphys; all 1924 fellows in every way; all fellows who have made good while among us. A certain poise that keeps us guessing whether he is laughing at or with us constantly keeps his features twisted with the most likeable and infectious of grins. His good work in the "Literary Club" gained for him an editorship on the "Meta" staff where his instant and good work is evident. As a debater, Leo excels and brings that same infectious humor into use in the constructing of arguments calculated to destroy the carefully prepared theories of his opponents. Leo should enjoy life and profit by it for he possesses a quality of real humor that will do much to insure his future.



OMER C. MURPHY

"The virtue of justice consists in moderation."
—Aristotle.

One of Omer's characteristics is interesting conversation, and conversation when confined to places where it is needed, as in Omer's, is a fortunate tendency indeed. Words are never wasted by him, and during his school career, he has become well versed in all topics of this day and many others. As a Senior, his assistance in every class activity was material. Sincere, faithful, cheerful and clever, he is possessed of a faculty of good judgment which makes his friendship one to be desired. A really popular member of the class of 1924, we unite in expressing the hope that his future will be as pleasant as his past has been profitable to himself and to his classmates.



JOHN H. NOLAN

"Act well thy part: there all the honor lies."
—Poet.

"Terry" hails from the southern part of the city. He has been in the "Student Army Training Corps" and recently passed the preliminary examinations for West Point. It is doubtful, at present, whether his final choice of life work will be along military or peaceful lines, but there can be no doubt of his ultimate success in whatever walk of life he may choose to work out his destiny. If "Terry" should choose to become a "son of Mars", he will soon find an army title to add to his name, and has only to continue the diligent efforts of his school days in order to achieve the success which we wish for him and the high position he deserves in life.



ROSELLA G. NOWAK

"I have looked upon these brilliant creatures."
—Yeats.

A truly brilliant member of the class, with a brilliant smile to accompany her classroom brilliancy, Rosella is nevertheless a companionable classmate who carries her talents modestly and with a democratic spirit that secures for her many worthwhile friendships. She has had several stories and class notes in "The Observer" and her published literary effort is of the uniform excellence that characterizes her work in the classroom. Despite the distance from which she has to come in order to attend school, her name is rarely found on the absent or tardy list. Whatever she attempts will be well done, and it is with confidence in her ability that we feel certain that her future will be brilliant.



ANNA L. O'ROURKE

"Youth is the time of enterprise and hope."
—Johnson.

Youthful in fact and in spirit as well, Anna has all the buoyancy and effervescence that is commonly attributed to youth. A genial disposition and a "happy-go-lucky" nature have provided her with an adaptability for all her tasks and have enabled her to convert them into pleasures. All this cheerfulness of spirit does not, however, prevent her from giving her careful attention to the preparation of her lessons, and when she has worked at anything she is secure in the satisfaction that she has tried her mightiest and done her best. Parting with her is a loss alleviated somewhat by the knowledge that, wherever she may go, her cordial efficient spirit will find many admirers and friends.



HELEN S. PITMAN

"By attention ideas are registered in the
memory."
—Locke.

Helen is always an attentive student and the ideas of others are fixed in her memory by the careful consideration which she gives them. A quiet tenacity of purpose has helped her in the cultivation of a fine taste for and an ability in drawing. As a matter of fact, much of her spare time is spent advantageously in this way. Helen never wastes time and she converts into moments of profit what others would term their "idle moments" of leisure. She has devoted much time to the affairs of the "Agora", and has been a really valuable member of that organization. As a member of the class of '24 her work was of the high type which fore-shadows a really successful future.



IRENE PRESTON

"Accomplishments were native to her mind."
—Hale.

Irene hails from West Peabody, but thinks it is safer to depend upon the Lynnfield bus. Reticent and unconfiding, it has been hard for prying editorial effort to determine her ultimate ambition, but we have no hesitancy in predicting that whatever she undertakes will be well accomplished. The manner in which she recites her lessons gives evidence of careful preparation, and her cheerful, amiable spirit made her work a pleasure and her company enjoyable. Irene will meet with happiness because she will work for it diligently and with an aptitude for enjoying it once it is attained. Health, luck and prosperity attend you Irene, on your journey through life.



MARION E. PUSHARD

"Lovely to full perfection wrought."—Phillips.

Always jovial and willing to help in any undertaking, Marion has been a bright light in the firmament of the class of 1924. Through no effort of her own, Marion has acquired a true popularity by reason of her possession of the many admirable characteristics that helped her to make friends. As a reward for her untiring effort in her Junior year she was made a Business Manager of the "Observer." She was also a prominent member of the "Literary Club." A cheerful spirit, "Push" has always been helpful to all her classmates, and we know that we shall hear well of her in the future, for such diligence as hers cannot remain unnoticed.



ANTHONY S. PUSKA

"Let no man know thy business save some friend." —Bailey.

One of those quiet fellows who improves upon acquaintance, Anthony belongs to that class of persons who are called "good fellows." Forgetful of self, he has always given his time and efforts to aiding others in their difficulties. A member of the "Bema", he has assisted in every way to make the meetings of that society interesting. He has been a valuable asset to the football team and made a more than creditable showing in the Lynn-English game. Everything that diligence and effort can win must certainly be his and we feel sure that he will go through life as a "good fellow" to his associates, as he has been a "good fellow" to all his classmates.



STUART P. QUINT

"I am one who finds within me a nobility." — Percival.

Amiable and good-natured, quiet and unassuming, careful in conversation and diligent in effort, Stuart has always been a model for his friends. Always carefree and jovial "Stuie" has won many friends during his course. Many of us have been cheered by the ready smile and keen sense of humor which he possesses. Everyone has profited by the steadfast friendship he has given and received. He has certainly been a credit to the class of 1924 and we will join in wishing him a successful future, which we predict for him with a knowledge of his capabilities and a reliance in the record of his achievements.



DANA V. RAINFORD

"Let's play it out—this little game called Life."
Rice.

Gifted with a fine disposition and an even temperament, Dana is well liked by all his classmates. Dana is possessed of a sturdy nature in which we, his classmates, have always found solace and comfort. Patient perseverance in all that he attempts is the keynote of Dana's accomplishments, both in and out of class. He has always freely given his time and efforts to any class activity, and has proven himself a loyal, steadfast and effective worker for the honor of 1924. Always he has been a steadfast comrade, a loyal friend and a conscientious student. He intends to pursue his studies further after graduation. Good luck to you, Dana and bon voyage!



DOROTHY V. RAINFORD

"Not in vain the distance beckons."—Tennyson.

Dorothy is one of the most talented and most dependable of our classmates. Because of her ability as an artist she was elected an art editor of the "Meta", and her work is one of the really attractive features of the book. As a member of the senior girls' basketball team she added greatly to the achievements of the team and the laurels of the class of 1924. She has used her capacity as an artist in painting posters for the different class activities during her course. Whenever and wherever she could be useful we have always found her equal to whatever tasks might be hers. We part with her wishing her unqualified success in all her future undertakings and know that she will be truly representative of her class.



GORDAN F. RANDALL

"His greatness is a-ripening."—Shakespeare.

Always quiet and observant, Gordon has acquired a vast host of friends during his school course. It has always been necessary to know him intimately to obtain his views on any subject for he has always been content to accomplish seemingly impossible things in a quiet but efficient way. A capable drummer, he has assisted the school orchestra since he was a sub-freshman. His poetic ability has found expression in the splendid verses which he has contributed to "The Observer", and in this, as in other activities, he has excelled because of his quiet, determined effort to do well whatever there was for him to do. We, his classmates and friends, wish him untold success in the future.



MABEL C. REILY

"So gentle and so constant."—Pike.

Through kindness, devotion and helpfulness, Mabel has become one of the best liked members of our class. She has always been willing to lend her time, thought and skill to any and all of senior activities and responsibilities. As an assistant editor of the "Meta" her work has been thorough and quick, and her regularity at meetings of the "Agora" was significant of her loyalty and sincerity. Her class work was the admirable result of her conscientious and painstaking study which she maintained during her entire high school course. Mabel's redolent smile, kind heart and constancy to all her undertakings have endeared her to us all and we are sure will endear her to all with whom she may meet in the future.



ISAAC REMIS

"Then gently scan your brother man."—Burns.

A quiet, diligent student, known the school over as a fellow of the really helpful type, Isaac has always avoided the limelight and yet no activity has been complete without him. Cooperation and concentration are dominant in any task he undertakes. However difficult his problems have been, he has fulfilled them to the best of his ability with an imagination that sweeps in its train perseverance and ultimate success. By devotion to friends, and an unusual power or magnetism, Isaac has coralled a host of friends in Peabody High who can never forget his intense study, his keen wit, and his unswerving conviction. We know that success will be his in later years just as much as it has been his while among his classmates.



LILLIAN I. SALLOWAY

"In small proportions we just beauties see."
Jonson.

Possessing a pleasing disposition, modest, jovial and retiring, with a desire to help in putting any undertaking through to a successful conclusion, "Lil", as she is known to her classmates, has secured to herself a wide circle of friends. She is always ready to help a friend and strives to accomplish well whatever tasks she may have to perform. Throughout the years that we have been together, "Lil" has shown a willing, helpful and truly cooperative spirit that will do much to help her attain the friends of the future as she has enjoyed friendship in the past.



ROSE F. SALLOWAY

"All we have built do we discern."—Arnold.

A "petite" member of the class whose diligent efforts as a student and member of the Agora Debating Society have won her the esteem of her classmates and teachers.

Her charm is magnetic, encompassing all around her. She has always been cooperative and willing to assist in any activity of the class. All who have known her as a classmate will miss the cheerful devotion and friendship which she has so freely given. The class of '24 join in wishing her success in everything she encounters "around the corner" and assure her that she will be one of the cherished memories of 1924.



LENA SHNIRMAN

"I am constant as the northern star."
—Shakespeare.

Lena, though quiet and unassuming, has a genius for acquiring friends and a helpful spirit of cooperation that has made her one of the most popular members of our class. A careful diligence in the preparation of her daily tasks has secured for her a high scholastic standing and made of her one of the "honor pupils" at the graduation exercises. As a member of the "Agora" debating society, she excelled in her knowledge of the issues involved in the regular debate and assisted in the solution of the questions under discussion by her logical presentation of facts. We feel that her quiet, persistent diligence will bring her deserved success in the future.



MARIE M. STOKES

"Heavenward the bright perfections I adore
direct."
—Longfellow.

Equipped with a studious disposition, a capacity for solving perplexing problems and an ambitious desire for attainment of things worthwhile, Marie has kept herself deservedly "in the limelight." In class, her recitations are of the best quality, and her presence is a real inspiration to her classmates. Through the years, she has had little to say, but has always been ready to cooperate in any school or class activity. In parting, we bid her "adieu", with a wish from all her classmates that good fortune and happiness crown her patience, courage and desire.



MALCOLM M. STONE

"Friendship is the cement of two minds."
—Chapman.

Gifted with a splendid disposition, together with a pleasant agreeable nature, Malcolm has been an integral part of all that concerns the interests of our class. Although of a quiet and easy-going character, his contributions to the welfare of the class have been vital and inspiring. In the classroom, he is a diligent worker and enjoys the respect of teachers and classmates alike. As the Exchange Editor of "The Observer" he has done much to aid in the successful publication of that magazine during the past year. We wish him luck in his journey through life and express the hope that all his ambitions may be realized a hundredfold.



JOHN J. SWEENEY

"Disarm misfortune with a grin."—Adams.

As a versatile athlete, "Jackie" has enjoyed the admiration of his schoolmates throughout the years spent with Alma Mater. Captain of the baseball team and a real "star" upon the football field, his activities are not bounded by athletics alone, as he was an active member of the "Bema" and of the "Literary Club" as well. As Business Manager of the "Meta", he did much to help the class follow the happy precedent set by the class of 1923 in publishing a class book. In leaving Peabody High School, he goes forth secure in the consciousness that he has ever done his best for the school and we assure him that his best was worthy of him and a credit to the best traditions of Alma Mater.



RAYMOND S. VILES

"Everything's easy after it's done."—Morris.

Ray excels in everything that he undertakes. Student, athlete, debater, elocutionist, actor and a real good fellow withal, he enjoys a real popularity worthy of his achievements and personality. As Athletic Editor of "The Observer" and a member of the "Meta" staff he has exercised his literary talents with credit to himself and his class. Perhaps his outstanding effort of the year was in taking the place at three days' notice of a debater whom illness prevented from appearing in the Everett debate. He was chosen by the Elks to deliver a piece of elocution at their Flag Day exercises. Success is sure to seek him out, and when it finds him Ray will be worthy of it in every way.



RICHARD E. WARMAN

"There are songs enough for the hero."
—Wileox.

A modest, unassuming, capable disposition is characteristic of "Dick". Another of the inhabitants of Danvers who has favored us with his presence and given us the satisfaction that comes from the fact that what was Danvers' loss was our gain. In class, his record has been uniformly good, and his cooperation in our class affairs was freely and willingly given. A student in the commercial course we look for him to make his mark in the business world. We part with him as a friend whose worth we appreciate and a classmate well worth knowing.



PALMER WATKINS

"Perched on my city office-stool."—Gibson.

Palmer is a very good fellow with whom to meet and our years spent with him have been pleasant ones. Modest and reticent, but possessing a pleasing personality, he has widened his circle of friends since coming to high school. His helpful attitude has been reassuring and encouraging in many an emergency. He is one of the most popular "commercial" and is destined to win for himself a high place in the business world. His presence among us has been marked by a quiet accomplishment of purpose and it does not require extraordinary vision to know that his future work will meet with good fortune.



HELEN WIGGIN

"Content shall place us far above them all."
—Churchill.

Helen has many splendid qualities, but the one which impressed us the most is loyalty. Loyal to her teachers, loyal to her classmates and loyal to herself, she has consistently striven to accomplish well whatever she might undertake. She was a member of the "Literary Club" and held the office of Censor of the "Agora". A diligent, conscientious student, we feel certain that she will ultimately attain success because of her capacity for persevering effort. May the contentment that has always been yours, Helen, abide forever with you in your journey through life.



ELLIOT H. WILSON

"In the lexicon of youth, there is no such word as 'fail'."
—Lytton.

"Pro", as he is known by his classmates is a man of ideals, and one who is constantly striving to attain them. His carefully prepared lessons are a source of inspiration to those about him and his ardent desire for discussion of current problems has made of him one of the most interesting members of the "Bema" and the history classes. He excels as a writer of argumentative letters which frequently fall into the hands of the teachers. He has been known to be tardy for school merely to provide himself with an opportunity to enjoy an afternoon session. As we part with him on the threshold of the future, we wish him all the satisfaction that will come from the realization of his ideals.



RUDOLPH F. WILSON

"The end crowns the work."

"Last but not least"; surely, this is true of Rudolph who has been alphabetically destined to end the annals of the class of 1924. Ever alert in classes, with a quiet dignity and a wholesome spirit of cooperative energy, he has been among the leaders of the class in the attainment of things worthwhile. His contributions to "The Observer" have been varied in their scope and excellent in their exemplification of literary principles. His cooperative spirit is shown by his membership in the "Literary Club" and in the "Bema". When afterlife brings recollection, we will remember Rudolph as our "Alpha" of effort and our "Omega" of perfection "to its fullest glory wrought."

CLASS ODE

Tune:—"In the Gloaming"

Happy years we've spent together,
Years that went by, oh! so fast;
Ev'ry hour though bright or dreary,
Will in mem'ry always last.

Joys of schooldays gone forever,
To the heart return no more;
Gone but ne'er to be forgotten,
Though we be on distant shore.

Now the time has come for parting,
We must go our sep'rate ways;
Giving, taking, always helping
During all our future days.

When some future day seems dreary,
And the world looks dull to you,
Just recall the good old school days,
And the chums so good and true.

Second Ending:

While on life's long, dreary path,
May your sky be always blue.

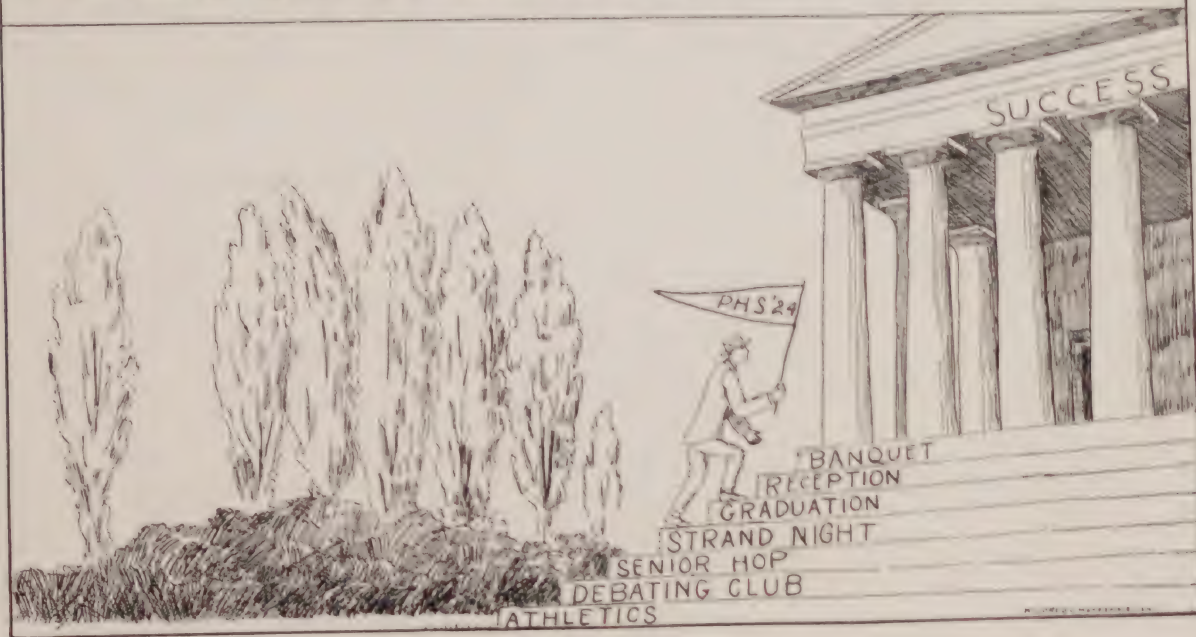


WHO'S WHO IN 1924

President—William D. Collins.
Vice-President—Blanche I. McKeen.
Secretary—Esther P. Barrett.
Treasurer—Raymond S. Viles
Executive Committee—Mary Cogan, D. Edward Gorman,
Lawrence J. Cuddire.
President of the Literary Club—Walter M. Gray.
President of the Bema—William D. Collins.
President of the Agora—Mary Cogan.
Captain of Football Team—John Murphy.
Captain of Baseball Team—John J. Sweeney.
Captain of Senior Girls' Basketball Team—Dora E. Jordan.
Manager of Tennis Team—Cyril B. Meagher.
Strand Night Committee—William D. Collins, Blanche I.
McKeen, Mildred L. MacKenzie.

Senior Dance Committee—Roger W. Clerk, Marjorie S.
Ingraham, Alice R. Elliott, William D. Collins,
Blanche I. McKeen, Mildred L. McKenzie
and James Mason.
Editor-in-Chief of "Observer"—Mary Cogan.
Editor-in-Chief of "Meta"—Mary Cogan.
Writer of Class Ode—Walter M. Gray.
Cheer Leaders—Alice R. Elliott, Blanche I. McKeen, Mary
Cogan, Marion E. Pushard, Clara E. Melanson.
Veledictorian—Mary Cogan.
Salutatorian—William J. Eagan.
Honor Parts—Doris V. Durkee, Cyril B. Meagher, Lena
Shnirman, D. Edward Gorman, James
Mason, Mary E. Luz.
Class Adviser—Mr. John W. Sullivan.

CLASS ACTIVITIES



S O C I A L S

The class of 1924 was not organized until the Sophomore year. Owing to this fact, there were no social activities until the "Junior Prom", which, as the first dance undertaken by the class of 1924, was a successful beginning for our social life at Peabody High School. The affair was held in the gymnasium, which was attractively decorated with palms and bunting.

Another dance, during the Junior year, was held after the game between the Sophomore and Junior girls' basketball teams. This was an informal affair, and its lack of formality made of it one of the most enjoyable affairs ever conducted by the class.

The first social of the Senior year was the "Senior Hop", where all classes were well represented and the good music together with the tasteful decorations made the affair one long to be remembered.

The "Strand Night", held May 28th, was well attended. The feature picture was "Three Wise Fools". This was in itself a worthy attraction, but in addition to it, there was an excellent entertainment provided by members of the class and undergraduates. The talent exhibited on that occasion was productive of many favorable comments and served as another indication of the versatility of the class

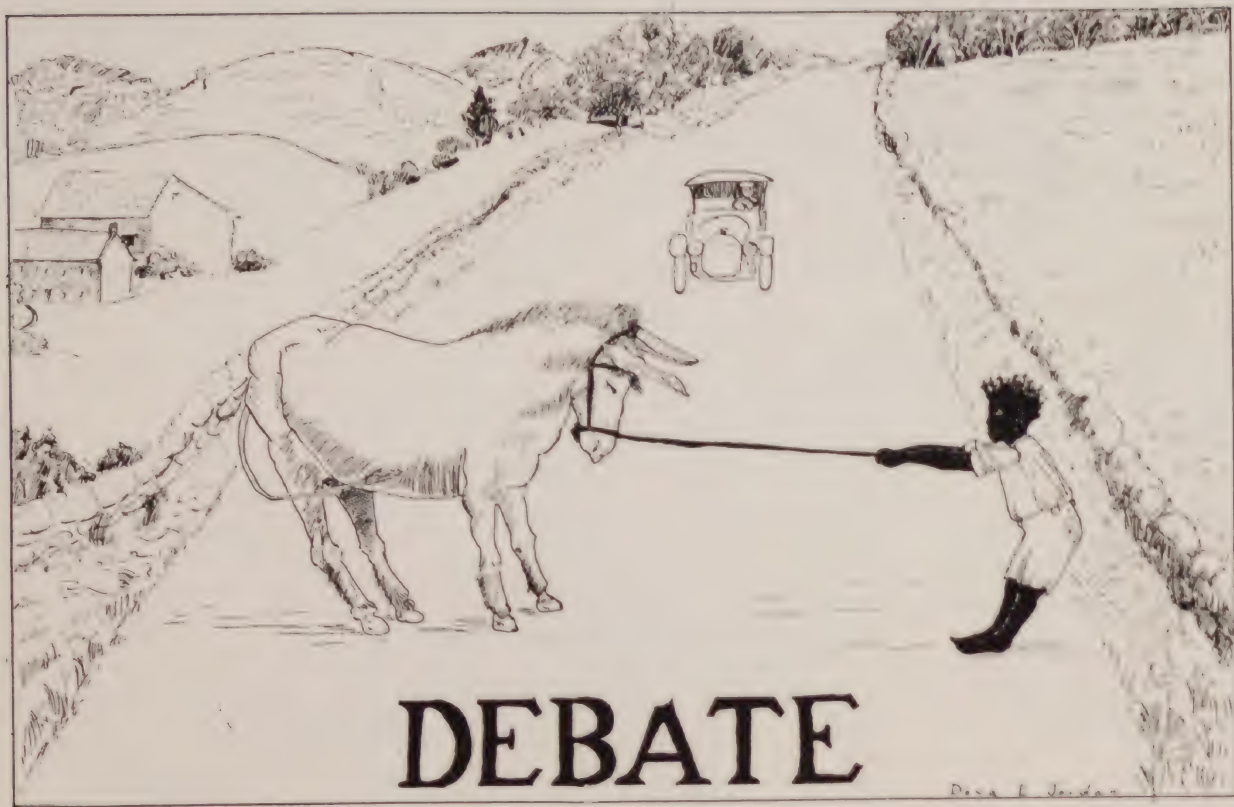
of 1924, the members of which have worked and played with equal enthusiasm throughout their course.

The graduation exercises were, of course, our greatest achievement, and although we were not the largest class ever to graduate from the school, we were at least as satisfied as any other in the attainment of our diplomas. The hall was attractively decorated in the class colors "Blue and Gold", by members of the Junior class who performed their task in an artistic way and with results that spoke volumes for their capability.

The Senior reception was the principal social event of our course at Peabody High School and was a very attractive and brilliant affair.

We must not forget our banquet which was held in the high school building, and at which we satisfied both our love for eating and for speaking as well. Class histories and prophecies were read at this time and the "Meta" was distributed. After the banquet, dancing was enjoyed by all.

Our socials have helped us to strengthen the friendships formed in class, and they will be remembered for the spirit of good fellowship manifested at them by every member of the class of 1924.



THE AGORA

The year 1923-1924 recorded the formation of a new debating club in Peabody High School. Although the new society was not strictly a class activity, nevertheless, its membership was largely composed of Senior girls who labored diligently in the regular debates and as a result of their efforts succeeded in establishing a girls' debating club for the first time in the history of the school. Two Senior girls, Mary Cogan and Rose Salloway were members of the first girls' team ever to represent Peabody in an inter-scholastic debate, and a team which went through the season undefeated. The other members of the team were Helen Tucker, a Junior and Eleanor Donovan, a Sophomore. The Agora debating society was formed under the guidance of Mr. Sullivan and Mr. McManus, both of whom acted as Moderators. The newly formed club held weekly meetings at which important questions of the day were discussed. The officers of the society were: Mary Cogan, President; Norma Jeffers, Vice-President; Blanche McKeen and Rose Salloway, Secretaries; Marjorie Ingraham, Treasurer; and Helen Wiggin, Censor.

The value of the training received from debating is inestimable. The women of today are mixing into the affairs of the business and professional world far more than in previous years, and therefore the Senior girls feel that they should express their appreciation of the advantages afforded them during their Senior year by the formation of a girls' debating club at Peabody High School. The members of the society who are graduating sincerely hope that the undergraduate members will continue to manifest their interest in the society to the end that the "Agora" may continue to be known as the most enthusiastic debating society of the school, and that her teams may continue to be victorious in the inter-society debates with the boys. The "Agora" has made a splendid beginning and has, we feel, an even more splendid future. It is then with a sense of pride that we record the beginning of the society during our Senior year and with a solicitude almost parental in its nature that we look for its continued success in the future.



MEMBERS OF THE DEBATING TEAMS

T H E B E M A

The Bema was formed December 21, 1922 under the inspiration and supervision of Mr. Sullivan. During the first year of its existence the society proved to be a popular one. Weekly meetings were held and the season was brought to a fitting conclusion by a victory in the first public interscholastic debate.

The year 1923-1924 found this society in a flourishing condition and the interest which had previously been aroused was increased during our Senior year. A regular meeting was held every week and every member was given an opportunity to speak at least once in a regular debate. The discussions in open debate were particularly interesting and much promising debating material was in evidence. During the second year of the existence of the "Bema", Mr. Sullivan was fortunate in having the assistance of Mr. McManus, who acted jointly with him as moderator of the society and coach of the teams.

Because of the interest manifested and the wealth of material developed, the "Bema" was represented by two distinct teams this year. One team was composed of Edward Gorman, Daniel Donovan, Thomas Hayes, Cyril Meagher and Raymond Viles, while the members of another team were Arthur Hayes, Edward Donovan, William Collins and Bernard Ginsberg. One team engaged in three debates, one with Lynn Classical, one with Everett and one with the "Agora" team; while the other team debated with Everett and with Beverly.

Th officers of the society for the past year were:— William Collins, President; Thomas Hayes, Vice-President; James Boyle, Treasurer; Raymond Coombs, Secretary; and John Sweeney, Censor.

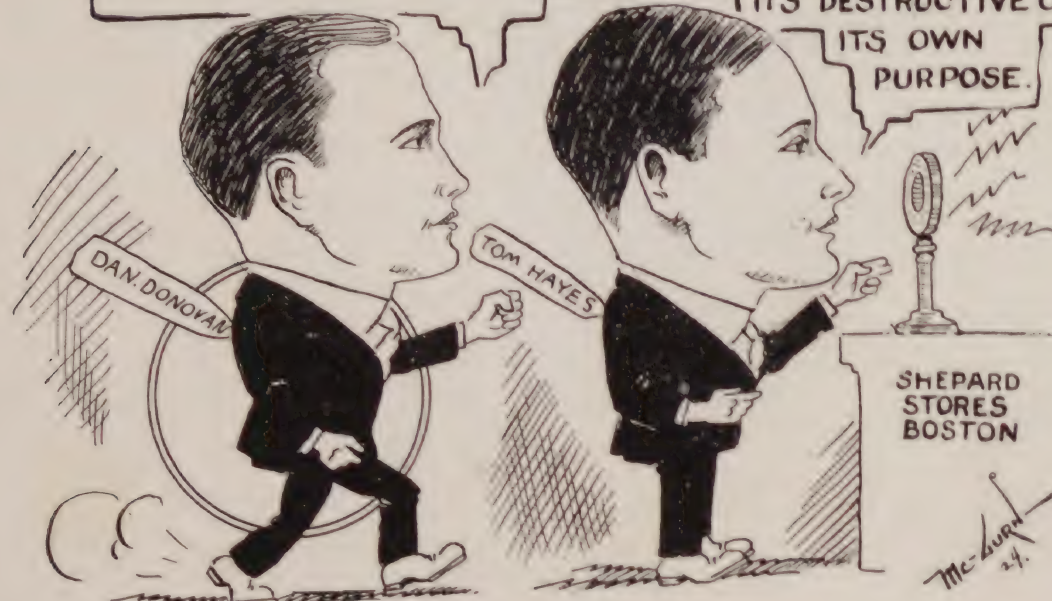
At one of the regular meetings, a debate was held which we believe is worthy of note. The question was; "Resolved, That the French be compelled to evacuate the Ruhr district". Both teams were composed of football players, and the winning team was given tickets for the Holy Cross, Boston College game. The debate proved to be one of the best of the season and was interesting to the members of the society and to the visitors as well. The winning team was composed of John Sweeney, James Boyle and Augustus Macione, while the losing team was composed of Francis Kilderry, Edward Donahue, and Elliot Wilson. The vote was very close and both teams are deserving of much credit, inasmuch as their careful preparation and well delivered speeches were but another indication of the fact that the athletes of Peabody High School are debaters and scholars as well. In this connection it should also be noted that the quarterbacks of this year's football team were members of the inter-scholastic debating teams.

Another honor which came to the society through one of its members was in the fact that the Elks selected Raymond Viles to deliver a piece of elocution at their annual Flag Day exercises.

In leaving Peabody High School, the Senior boys take with them a deep sense of appreciation of the advantages afforded them by the formation and continuation of the "Bema", and an abiding spirit of thankfulness for the efforts made by Mr. Sullivan and Mr. McManus to inculcate the very necessary and vital principles of argumentation through debate.

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INTER-SCHOLASTIC DEBATES

In the short space of two years' time, Peabody High School has come from obscurity to a position of the foremost rank in high school debating circles. The interest manifested by the students themselves is reflected by the friends of the school, and the attendance at all of our public debates is a sufficient indication of the fact that debating is, at the present time, one of our most important "extra-curriculum" activities. During the past year a plan essentially different from that of the previous year was followed in the arrangement of the inter-scholastic debating schedule. Instead of the customary choice of a single team to represent the school, three distinct teams were organized; one from the girls' society and two from the "Bema". At no time during the season was any attempt made to combine the strength of the three teams into one team, and at no time was any member of any one of the three teams allowed to debate as a member of one of the other teams. The advantages of this plan were apparent in the fact that more pupils were enabled to gain the experience that comes from a public appearance, and the additional distinction of being the only school in the state to be represented by three teams entirely separate and distinct from each other.

Under the new plan, the first interscholastic debate of the season was a dual debate with Lynn Classical on Friday evening February 15, 1924. The rival schools were the only high schools in Essex County to engage in a dual debate during the debating season of 1923-1924. Peabody was represented in Peabody by the girls' team from the "Agora" and Classical was defeated by a decision of 4 to 1. At the same time, another Peabody team, one from the boys' society, the "Bema" was awarded a 4 to 1 victory over Classical in Lynn. The question was: "Resolved, That the present law governing the restriction of immigration be re-enacted for a period of five years." Peabody defended the affirmative at home and the negative in Lynn.

Shortly after this debate, the two victorious Peabody teams broadcasted their debates from the radio station WNAC. Peabody debating teams were the first teams in this state to utilize the radio for the purpose of broadcasting their speeches. Many interested radio "fans" listened in, and the reply cards sent by them to the Shephard Stores broadcasting station, awarded the decision to the girls' team.

The next debate was with Everett High School, claimants of the state-championship and undefeated since 1916. This again was a dual debate. Peabody was represented



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by two teams from the boys' society; Everett having refused to debate with the girls' team. On the eve of the debate Edward Gorman one of Peabody's strongest debaters was taken ill and a last minute substitution found Raymond Viles taking his place in Everett and doing a really creditable piece of work. In Everett, the Peabody team made a really creditable showing and the award went to Everett in a close and somewhat questionable 3 to 2 decision. In Peabody, the Everett team was defeated by a decision of 4 to 1. The result of the Everett dual debate was another victory for Peabody since we secured six of the possible ten votes.

Following the Everett debate, and one week later the Peabody team which had secured the 4 to 1 decision over Everett met a mixed team from Beverly High School. The question was the same as that of the Everett debate: "Resolved; That the Philippine Islands should be granted their immediate independence." Peabody was again victorious; this time by a unanimous decision of 5 to 0.

The final and by far the most interesting debate was the inter-society debate upon the immigration question between the "Agora" and the "Bema". The debate was so closely contested as to make the final decision a difficult one, and it was only after the last rebuttal and after care-

ful consideration that a decision of 3 to 2 in favor of the girls' team was given by the judges. At this debate, Raymond Viles delivered the piece of elocution, "Spartacus to the Gladiators" in a manner that showed careful preparation and skillful interpretation of this literary masterpiece.

At the close of the debating season, the two societies united in the presentation to the school of two beautiful electric lamps, and in the awarding of copies of Shaw's "Art of Debate" to the members of the debating teams. A copy of this valuable text was also presented to the school library. Special book prizes of Donnelly's "Art Principles in Literature" were given to the two debaters who in the opinion of the debaters themselves were of the most assistance to their teams. These prizes were given to Mary Cogan and Edward Gorman, both of whom are members of the graduating class of 1924.

Altogether, the debating season of 1923-1924 was an unqualified success, a season unusual in many respects and usual in the fact that Peabody teams once more proved themselves worthy of the creditable showing which they made. Following the glorious precedent of 1923, the class of 1924 has retained proficiency in debating as one of its achievements and we look for 1925 to bring further laurels in the realm of debate to the shrine of Alma Mater.



OBSERVER STAFF

THE OBSERVER

The class of 1924 found "The Observer" an established magazine at Peabody High School, with a creditable financial standing and a high literary aim. It is the chief boast of the class of 1924, that we deviated in no way from the creditable methods inaugurated by the class of 1923. We feel that with the worthy standards of our predecessors as our guiding principles, we have carried along the work of this important publication in a way worthy of their high aspirations.

The Seniors who acted as members of the staff were:—Mary Cogan, Editor-in-chief; D. Edward Gorman and Cyril Meagher, Assistant Editors; Marion Pushard, Business Manager; Blanche McKeen, Assistant Manager; Alice Elliott, Walter Gray, James Mason, Norma Jeffers and Marjorie Ingraham, Literary Editors; William Collins, Chronicle Editor; Helen Wiggin, Alumni Editor; Raymond Viles, Athletic Editor; and Malcolm Stone, Exchange Editor.

The faculty advisers were:—Mr. Willard W. Woodman; Miss Alice Teague, Financial; Miss Grace Loud, Art; and Mr. John W. Sullivan, Literature.

The stories contributed by Seniors to the magazine were: "One Exciting Night", Walter Gray; "Changing Times", James Mason; "If It Rain", "Plaything of Destiny", "The Black Boot", "Dead—To Live", "Granny Jarl", and "Saturday Night", Mary Cogan; "The Clock of Avezzano", Edward Gorman; "The City Visit", Rosella Nowak; and "The Farm Hand", Rudolph Wilson. Other articles were published by Norma Jeffers, Rudolph Wilson, James Boyle, Cyril Meagher and William Collins.

Poetry was contributed by Norma Jeffers, Dorothy

Rainford, Mary Cogan, William Eagan, Helen Knowlton, Toini Hanhila, Cyril Meagher, Walter Gray, Paul Graves, Roger Clerk, Gordon Randall, and Dora Jordan.

The Observer has during the past year maintained its high standard as a literary magazine, and has provided the students with an incentive for better work in composition. Not the least attractive feature of the magazine is its standardized arrangement and cover design. One learns to look for the regular issues to provide variety in material rather than in new forms of dress. The entire interest of the reader is thus centered upon the stories, and the aim of the writers of the stories is to make them worthy to be read. Much favorable comment has been made upon the uniformly high standard which "The Observer" maintains, and the class of 1924 has every reason to feel as proud of the magazine in its continuation as was the class of 1923 in its beginning.

"The Observer Awards" for excellence in literary effort were given to the following:—Mary Cogan, First Prize of Fifty Dollars; Walter Gray, Second Prize of Twenty-five Dollars; and Thomas Donovan '25, Third Prize of Fifteen Dollars.

We hope that in the future, "The Observer" will continue to maintain its present high standard, and, as a literary magazine, reflect credit upon the students and faculty of Peabody High School. The class of 1924, leaves with pleasant recollections of "The Observer", with a sense of satisfaction in the results attained, with a feeling of appreciation for the inspiration afforded by the faculty advisers, and with an abiding spirit of interest in the affairs of their high school literary monthly.



LITERARY CLUB

L I T E R A R Y C L U B

It is with a feeling of satisfaction that we point to the formation of the "Literary Club" during our Senior year. The purpose of the club was to cultivate in its members a love of good literature and thus to insure the possession by them of the literary and cultural background necessary for their study of English. A taste for literature of the better type is one of the essentials of true learning, and the student can acquire that taste not so much by being told to do it as by being permitted to do it. For the existence of the club itself we have to thank Mr. John W. Sullivan, who formed it and supervised its continuance, and those English teachers who helped him by holding meetings, securing speakers and arranging programs throughout the year. The officers of the club are:—President, Walter Gray; Vice-President, Miss Pauline Bakeman; Secretary, Miss Blanche McKeen, and Treasurer, Edward Gorman.

The English teachers who held meetings were Miss Winifred Johnson, Miss Marie Curtis, Miss Mary Barry, Miss Helen Wollahan and Mr. John W. Sullivan. At each meeting of the club an attractive literary program was arranged and presented by the members under the direction of the English teacher in charge.

The club was particularly fortunate in the speakers who

gave of their services to help impress upon us the worthwhile benefits to be derived from the appreciation of good literature. Among the speakers were Miss Mildred Lynch of the English department at Salem High School, Miss Louise Wooley, a student at the Emerson College of Oratory; Miss Beatrice Keith, a graduate of Peabody High School; Mr. James E. Farley, a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School; Miss Hortense L. Harris, Head of the English Department at Gloucester High School; Honorable Daniel C. Manning, a graduate of Harvard and a Judge of the local court; Honorable Thomas A. Mullen, a graduate of Harvard, former head of Americanization in Massachusetts and a prominent lawyer and lecturer; Mrs. Albert Robinson, wife of the superintendent of schools; Mr. Joseph McHugh, a teacher of literature at Boston College; and Professor Michael Earls, professor of literature at Holy Cross College and a lecturer and writer of note. The Literary Club has enjoyed a successful season, and its members have derived much benefit from the opportunity afforded them for participation in literary evenings. Thanks are due to the English teachers who conducted the meetings, to the speakers who offered their services and to all who in any way assisted in providing Peabody High school students with extra cultural advantages.



ASSEMBLY SINGING

The music period, which was held every Thursday morning, is one of our most pleasant recollections of the days spent at Peabody High School. It was during these periods that we exercised our vocal ability in song and developed such talent as was ours. Perhaps the best indication of the value of the music period is in the fact that we really enjoyed the work, and devoted our energies to the difficult task of learning to sing as a chorus while maintaining the different musical parts.

During our Senior year, we came into possession of new song books, and under the inspiration afforded by the feeling that, at last, we were "up-to-date," we set about our work with a new vigor, and a definite purpose. The result was apparent to us, to our teachers and to the many visitors who came to our music period.

As Seniors, our outstanding musical achievement was, of course, the graduation music. Much time was spent in mastering the parts involved, and something better than

mere "chorus singing" was demanded of us. Graduation, brought satisfaction for the time spent in preparation, and we felt that the musical part of the program was our special contribution as a class.

In leaving Peabody High School, we feel that we should express our appreciation of the advantages afforded us in the study of music. We have enjoyed our work, we have profited by it and we are really grateful for the capability and tireless energy exhibited in the person of Miss Sullivan our music teacher. We realize that few high schools attain the proficiency in assembly singing to which Alma Mater has attained, and we feel that much of the credit and not a little of the glory is due to our teacher.

We leave our music period with regret and with the hope that the future may bring continued success to Miss Sullivan in her work on that all-important part of the high school curriculum.



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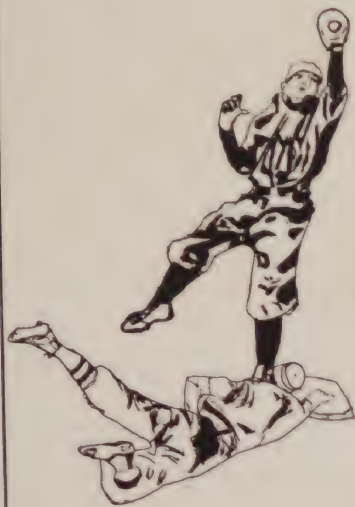
Our orchestra is the oldest of the extra-curriculum activities at Peabody High School, and it is operating now on an established basis that is the best guarantee for its future. Under the direction of Mr. Luscomb, an accomplished musician and instructor, an opportunity is afforded for further development for those of our number who possess musical ability. Many of our classmates availed themselves of this opportunity for instruction, and this year, as in previous years, the orchestra is worthy of praise for its capability of performance under the training of a talented director.

Public appearances were made throughout the year at the various public debates. At each of these debates, the orchestra shared with the debating teams in the favorable comment elicited from the meritorious performances. The orchestra has been an inseparable part of all school activities, and its really worthwhile performances have brought much credit to the school.

On Monday evening, June 2, 1924, our orchestra combined with that of Salem High School in a public concert. Twelve difficult and advanced numbers were rendered with the skill that comes from long practice and an intelligent understanding of the musical principles involved. An appreciative audience was delighted with the performance and the praise accorded the youthful musicians was a sufficient indication of the manner in which they had profited by instruction.

At the graduation exercises, our orchestra again performed its part in a creditable manner, and again were we made conscious of the presence in Peabody High School of a musical organization of which we have a right to feel proud.

We leave the orchestra with best wishes for its future progress, with appreciation of its past success, and with an abiding sense of grateful satisfaction for the improvements wrought in us and the benefits derived by us from—Our Orchestra.



DAVID V. REINIG



ATHLETICS

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Peabody High School athletics have always been of the high type that places "brain before brawn" in the effort to develop both. This year has been no exception for the scholastic standards have been strictly enforced, while the athletic abilities of our students have not been neglected. Our Senior year has been a year of triumph on the athletic field while many of our best athletes have represented the school in the purely scholastic activities of school life.

Perhaps no small part of the credit for this is due to our coach, Mr. Edward M. Brawley, who so admirably combines in his person the qualities necessary for the perfect development of the athlete who knows how to be a scholar and gentleman as well. Under the inspiration of his leadership, our teams have been a credit to themselves and the school both on and off the field. Coach Brawley is not a "miracle man," nor is he a highly paid expert, but rather is he a teacher who carries the ethics of the profession onto the field. Our coach is appreciated by the student body and the athletes under his charge, and it is because of this confidence in his leadership that Peabody wins. At no time, during the season just finished, has Peabody gone into the game a favorite to win and yet, Peabody has won and tied teams that the "experts" rated as sure to win.

During Coach Brawley's period of service, Peabody has

won second place in the North Shore league standing in both football and baseball, and this year is tied for first place. Peabody has tied Salem twice, and played a tie game with Charleston. No man has played for a Brawley coached team, who was below par in studies, and no player has been ruled off the field for ungentlemanly conduct.

Coach Brawley's record is one in which Peabody High school may take a legitimate pride, and in assuring him a continuance of our confidence in his ability, we leave Peabody High School secure in the confidence of further athletic triumphs to be attained by Alma Mater under his leadership.

The year 1924 will pass into the annals of the school as a successful season, and the Seniors who helped to make it such will be remembered as worthwhile members of our class, in the classroom and on the athletic field as well. We are particularly proud of our classmates who could block punts in title games and write poetry as well, who could direct football teams through difficult schedules and appear as debaters for the school in public debates, and who could shine with equal brilliancy before the eyes of an assembled throng or in the daily classroom recitations.

In summarizing our athletics we unite as a class in paying tribute to our coach, our athletes and the clean efficient, diligent but withal, modest and unassuming spirit that characterizes athletics at Peabody High School.



FOOTBALL TEAM

FOOTBALL

The advent of the 1923 football season bore with it a great question to the fans of the game. With the graduation of the Class of 1923, Lawrence, Harris, Pangeotopoulos, Luz, Coan and Maguire were lost, and there was work indeed for the coach. With the confidence of the boys, the team began to assert itself even before the season was under way. One by one, the opposing teams were seen to fall before the Peabody onslaught until the day of the Salem game arrived.

This match is the most significant of every year and last autumn, our players were superb. When the final whistle blew, the "red and white" men were glad to say they had had enough. Although a tie score resulted, it proved a moral victory for our school.

Our first and only set back was taken at the hands of the Winthrop footballers. In that engagement we lost with a 13-7 score. Overcoming a 7-0 defeat in the first half, Winthrop scored twice later on by a system of dazzling forward passes.

Our final game came off in the month of December amidst all the settings of a real contest with Lynn Classical High School. The pinnacle of form for the past season was reached when Classical had to bow in submission before a team that inflicted a 13-10 defeat.

John Murphy was the spirited and successful captain of the 1923 team. His work during previous seasons and his captainship stamp him as a real leader of men. He con-

sidered those under him at all times, and his keen foresight and judgement availed much towards the progress of his players.

Francis L. Kilderry's work as mainstay in the tackle play is never to be forgotten; he showed himself a quick and consistent teammate. His hard charging and level head featured every game. His is the just reputation of a gridiron warrior.

Augustus Macione, besides playing on the baseball field, proved a phenomenon when it came to following the ball. The right end of the line was always in good shape when "Gus" was guarding.

Walter M. Gray was always to be relied upon for steady, hard play and his playing characteristics decided many a game. Ever displaying a sense of responsibility and co-operation, "Grayo" had a victorious record.

Edward Donahue appeared on the scenes during his senior year, and has been a big factor in the guard position. He has truly distinguished himself in moleskins.

Raymond S. Viles is one of the class stars who participated both in diamond and gridiron sports. His quick wit and earnestness in the position of quarterback was productive of results long to be remembered by us.

Although not members of the first team, many of our classmates participated in victory as members of the squad. The work of our striving "subs" is not to be discounted in any estimate of the team. Puska, Clerk, Cuddire and Wilson were invaluable in emergencies, and could be depended upon to play their part in a manner worthy of 1924.



BASKETBALL TEAM

SENIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The Senior girls organized a girls' basketball team to represent the class during the winter season, under the direction of Coach Brawley. They elected Dora Jordan to captain them and Norma Jeffers was appointed manager. Blue and white, the colors of the school, were chosen by the team as Senior colors. Practice was held once each week. During the season, inter-class games were held in which the Seniors were quite victorious, having second place in the inter-class league. This year was the second, in which girls' basketball has become a regular sport and it is the intention of Coach Brawley to continue it each succeeding year.

The Seniors who comprised the team are: Edna Murphy, Norma Jeffers, Doris Durkee, Dorothy Danforth, forwards; Blanche McKeen, Marion Pushard, side centers; Dora Jordan, center; Dorothy Lord, Dorothy Rainford, Hilda Monson, Mary Doyle, backs. All of these girls played well and were largely responsible for the success of 1924 in athletics.

We feel that we leave girls' basketball as an established sport in Peabody High School and we wish Coach Brawley continued success in his effort to distribute the advantages of participation in athletics among the girls—as well as the boys.



TENNIS TEAM

TENNIS

The spring of 1924 witnessed the beginning of tennis as a high school sport. About twenty candidates answered the call for Peabody's first tennis team, among them being Cyril Meagher and Raymond Viles of 1924.

A short schedule was arranged, among the teams included being St. John's Prep, Dummer Academy and Somerville High School. In all these matches the representatives of Peabody acquitted themselves very creditably and although they did not win their matches, each of the Peabody boys received much invaluable experience.

The members of the team were: Cyril Meagher, Raymond Viles, Thomas Hayes, John Hallahan, Donald Jeffers, Francis Watkins and George Dawe.

With the interest shown in the sport this spring and the material in evidence for future development there is but one thing lacking—tennis courts. With the provision of adequate facilities for this sport, we may look forward to the time when our tennis team will be just as representative of Peabody athletic teams as are now our baseball and football teams.

The appreciation of the class of 1924 is extended to the members of the tennis team and to the coach, Mr. Frederick R. McManus for their efforts to provide us with another athletic activity at Peabody High School.

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JOHN SWEENEY



RAYMOND VILES



FRANCIS KILDERRY

O U R S T A R S



JAMES BOYLE



COACH BRAWLEY



JOHN MURPHY



BASEBALL TEAM, 1924

BASEBALL

The season of 1924 saw one of the fastest teams that ever represented the "Blue and White" on the diamond. The teams in the North Shore League were met and defeated in all but a few games. Peabody had without a doubt, one of the best teams in the league and one of the fastest infield combinations in the state. Although an unkind fate snatched victory from them in a few instances, Peabody finished the season well up among the leaders in the first division.

John Sweeney was elected Captain of our 1924 team. He has shown himself to be a capable leader far beyond our most sanguine hopes. As a pitcher, he had no superior in the league and his heavy hitting has brought many a well earned victory to his team.

Walter Gray has been a reliable catcher, who excelled in fielding as well as in batting. "Grayo's" quick thinking has repeatedly asserted itself in our closest games.

"Eddie" Donahue has been our mainstay at first base during his Senior year. The same spirit which is so charac-

teristic of "Eddie" in football is abundantly evident in his work on the diamond.

Ray Viles is a veteran of two seasons in which his work has featured many games. His work on the bases in every game is a pleasing indication of his ability. Ray shines with equal brilliance in the field and is "sure death" to anything that comes his way.

Augustus Macione besides exhibiting a wonderful ability in football is none the less endowed in baseball. As a steady, reliable player, invaluable in "steadyng" the team, "Gus" merits special and well-deserved mention.

Leo Murphy, although handicapped by his size, has made his ability felt throughout the season. His ability to "cover ground" has gained for him a great reputation, and any ball hit in his direction is fielded rapidly and surely.

The members of the class of 1924 have indeed contributed much to the success of the baseball team, and their efforts are appreciated by their classmates as achievement for the glory of Alma Mater and the honor of the class.



FIRST HIGH SCHOOL, 1850



SECOND HIGH SCHOOL, 1854



THIRD HIGH SCHOOL, 1903

AFTERWORD FOR "META"

Our book is ended, and whatever may be your thoughts upon turning its last leaf, friend, the pages have been saturated with the ink of effort running through the pen of an ideal... the completion of our High School days in a manner worthy of well-wishers. All our endeavors, however humble; all our feelings, carefree or thoughtful; and all our highest motives, we have sought to embody between the pages of this little volume, the 1924 "Meta".



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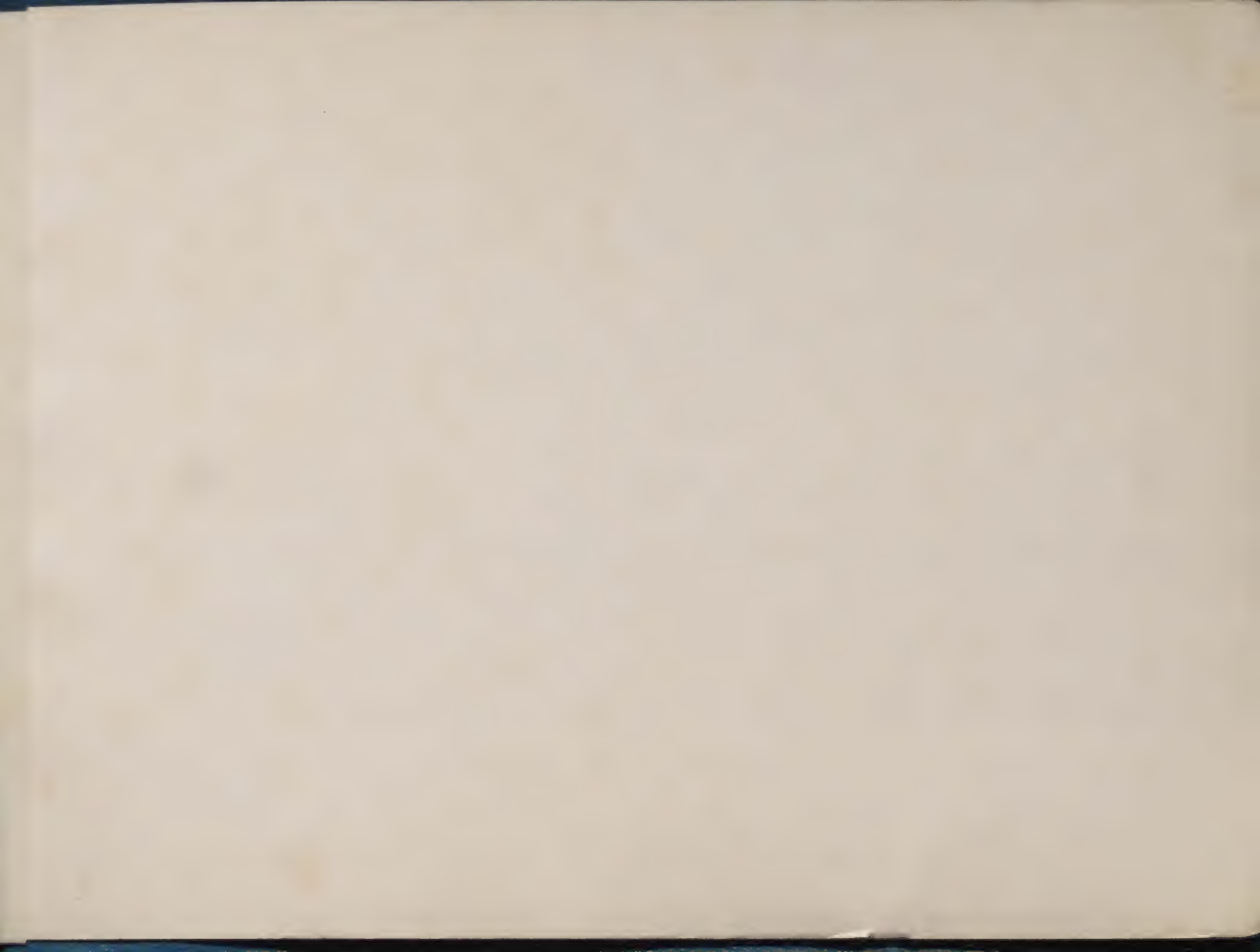
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